

September 5, 2021
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John Finn

*Responsive Reading (1 Samuel 2:1-2)

One: My heart rejoices in the Lord.

All: My strength rises up in the Lord!

One: My mouth mocks my enemies

All: Because I rejoice in your deliverance.

One: No one is holy like the Lord

All: No, no one except you! There is no rock like our God!

*Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" No. 64

*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance

God of great power and might, we stand in awe of your supremacy. Give us the strength to rise up and the energy to rekindle the light of the Holy Spirit within. Bless us, guide us, and encourage us as we renew our efforts to serve you through our service to others so that your precious name may be glorified in this world and the next. Amen!

*Unison Prayer

Almighty God, you are the source of all that moves us. May you shower us with passion, fervor, and zeal so that the coming months at Oak Chapel can be transformational in our lives and in the lives of others as we all grow closer to you. This, we pray, with great excitement and anticipation. Amen!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, we come before you acknowledging all that we have done and all that we have failed to do. Despite our repeated transgressions, you promise complete forgiveness as you cleanse us from the stain of sin and purify us in the sight of our Heavenly Father. We give you thanks for your abundant grace and mercy, and we ask you to continue to watch over us as we seek to avoid temptation and be delivered from evil, now and forevermore. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 19:11-12 CEB

New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-7 CEB

Response One: Let us Rejoice in God's Holy Word!

All: For His Word brings us Light, Hope, and Joy.

*Gloria Patri No. 70

*Hymn "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" No. 358

Message "Charging One's Spiritual Battery" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer

As we gather today as a fellowship of believers, let us lift up our prayers and petitions at this time.
Pastoral Prayer

The Sacrament of Holy Communion No. 15

*Jesus is the host at the Communion table,
anyone who loves Jesus is welcome.*

Presentation to God of Our Gifts

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" No. 383
Verses 1-4

*Benediction and Postlude

**= please stand in body or spirit*

Announcement: Grammy-nominated Christian music artist Crowder will perform at the Wayne County Fair on Monday, September 13. We can order tickets as a group through the church, or they can be ordered individually. If interested, contact Pastor John.

Now What?

If you are looking for some opportunities for service in and through the church, here are some options...

- ◇ Handy with your Hands? Trustees
- ◇ Like to work with Children? Sunday School Teacher
- ◇ Interested in Young People? Youth Group Facilitator
- ◇ Enjoy our Services? Worship Committee
- ◇ Love to Help Others? Outreach Committee
- ◇ Passion for the Underserved? Help with our Pantry
- ◇ Caring for Fellow Congregants Membership Care

Back to Church Sunday

Oak Chapel will join churches across the country and around the world in this exciting endeavor to reconnect and re-invigorate our church. On Sunday, September 19, our service will be held at Grossniklaus Lake, which is located at 185 Cherry Lane, just off West Old Lincoln Way (a.k.a. Warner Hill), less than a mile from the church. We look forward to a spirit-filled worship service followed by an enjoyable time of fellowship during a picnic lunch. The men will coordinate a cookout, the church will provide utensils and beverages, and we will ask everyone else to bring a covered dish to share. We invite you to join us as we kick off the 210th consecutive year of faithful discipleship at Oak Chapel. Bring your family and a friend or neighbor as we celebrate our heritage and reimagine our future as an active, vibrant, caring, and compassionate church where all are welcome.



Our Prayer List

Our neighbors and our community
Those serving in the armed forces
Our country, its leaders

Our church family

Jennifer Adair Sandy Treece
Betsy Bower Elsie Mykrantz
Sheila Burckhart Christy Rickard
Esther Franks Elaine Sprinkle
Ewing Giffin

Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

John—friend of Sandy Treece
Brad Moore—Friend of Gene Varns
Family of Hunter Smith
Patrick Rickard’s mother
Chase Brian—Great Grandson of Carol Gossage
Delila Jane
Jacob Daniel—Great Grandson of Phyllis Weaver
Lisa—Sister of Cathy Shallenberger
Jim—Father of Tina Braucher
Our brothers and sisters in Afghanistan
Victims of Hurricane Ida

Today’s Concerns

Names will be removed from this list after three weeks unless otherwise requested.

Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday 9/5	Worship	10:30 am
Tuesday 9/7	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
	District Consultation with SPRC	8:00 pm
Saturday 9/11	Men’s Breakfast	7:30 am

Looking Ahead

Sunday 9/12	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 9/13	Retirees’ Breakfast (at Towne Market Café)	8:00 am
Wednesday 9/15	Acorn Articles Due	

Choices for Worship on Sundays

- ◇ Come inside with social distancing.
- ◇ Listen in the parking lot without leaving your car or on the lawn by tuning in to 97.9 FM on your radio.
- ◇ Live stream on YouTube.com at 10:30 am.
- ◇ Links to Pastor John’s sermon are posted on our website to view on YouTube or to listen as a podcast. <https://oakchapelumc.com/worship/sermons/>



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through Love, Compassion,
Fellowship and Caring*